

At Dulwich

on Wednesday

Referee: 'I might have stopped it'

**Dulwich Hamlet 5,
Wycombe Wanderers 0.**

WYCOMBE WANDERERS' defence creaked wide open for the second league game in succession when they crashed at Champion Hill on Wednesday evening.

A thunderstorm for the opening 45 minutes turned the pitch into a lake, where ducks would have been more at home than players. Pools of water lay on the top surface as the teams splashed their way about the field.

Referee Mr. J. A. Crook said, after the game, "If the rain had continued to fall so heavily as it did in the first half I would have had to seriously consider calling it off".

Dulwich, who have now gone 14 home games without defeat, adapted themselves to the treacherous conditions far better than Wycombe, opening the game right out, while Wanderers insisted in keeping play at close quarters.

The greasy surface proved a nightmare for defenders, who could hardly turn to recover once they had committed themselves. The hard-running Dulwich side went in at the interval with a commanding four-goal lead.

GIFT GOALS

All Hamlet's goals were virtually presented to them by defensive mistakes. After only two minutes Wyatt put Dulwich ahead, and 23 minutes later Russell added a second. Wyatt scored again in the 38th minute and Shepherd netted a fourth two minutes later.

In the second half Wycombe contained the Dulwich side, but had little hope of making up the large gap. Wanderers were weakened by injuries to Worley and Thompson, while Horseman, Gale and Busby all played despite injury trouble.

Eight minutes from time Wyatt completed his hat-trick with a header—as the Wycombe defence conceded their 11th goal in two league matches.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; I. Rundle, P. Martin; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; A. Horseman, K. Samuels, V. Busby, L. Merrick, S. Holmes.